

Testimony of
Environment and Human Health, Inc.
By
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Bill 7027

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING
JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR**

To Chairmen of the Appropriations Committee: Sen. Paul Formica, Sen.
Catherine Osten, and Rep. Toni Walker.

Environment and Human Health, Inc. is distressed that once again the Executive branch of the government in Connecticut is recommending abolishing the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ). The CEQ is not only a valuable and independent voice in the state that assesses where our environmental health is, but it is also incredibly inexpensive to maintain.

The CEQ plays an important role in the health of our state.

The CEQ does the following:

1. Assesses the condition of Connecticut's environment; report findings annually to the Governor; and recommend actions to improve state environmental programs.
2. Advises other state agencies on the environmental impacts of proposed construction projects.
3. Investigates citizens' complaints and allegations of violations of environmental laws.
4. Reviews Environmental Impact Evaluations that state agencies develop for major projects; and publish the Environmental Monitor, the official website for state project information under CEPA and for notices of proposed sale or transfer of state-owned lands.

**CEQ fulfills these responsibilities with the tiny budget of \$174,000 plus
hundreds of hours of dedicated volunteers.**

PLEASE SAVE THE CEQ – CONNECTIUT NEEDS IT.

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